

Ethical Stash Suppliers

This JCR notes:

1. Modern slavery exists today on a large scale. Over 40 million people are believed to be in slavery around the world[1].
2. The fashion industry has a high level of exposure to slavery. G20 countries are estimated to import an annual value of US\$127.7bn in clothes at risk of including slavery in their supply chains[2].
3. Article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[3] prohibits slavery and the slave trade in all forms.
4. Oxford SU has provided a platform that allows common room and societies to source merchandise from ethically-accredited suppliers, including 'Neutral'. Neutral is a company that is Fairtrade certified.

This JCR believes:

1. Slavery is an affront to human dignity.
2. The JCR should in no way be complicit in supporting slavery through the fashion industry.

This JCR resolves:

1. To mandate all officers responsible for sourcing merchandise ('stash') to ensure wherever possible that suppliers are accredited by Fairtrade or Fair Wear.

[1] Walk Free Foundation, 2018 (<https://www.walkfreefoundation.org/understand/>)

[2] Global Slavery Index, 2018 (<https://www.globalslaveryindex.org/2018/findings/highlights/>)

[3] United Nations, 1948 (<http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>)